

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15-21 are pending. In a previous office action dated August 26, 2004, the examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 15-21.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-12 and 15-21 and added new claims 22-33. New claims 22 and 28 are independent claims. The new claims are supported in the detailed description as originally filed with reference to pages 11-16 and FIG. 4 and FIG. 5. No new matter has been added.

Claims 22-33 are not rendered obvious by Bates in view of Wen. For example, new claims 22 and 28 recite "determining whether the source code line can be break pointed," or similar language. Neither Bates nor Wen teach or suggest at least this quoted claim feature.

Bates teaches establishing thread identification control points and using these thread identification control points to identify threads. Wen teaches software development. More specifically, Wen monitors a single processor and distributes software for indirectly monitoring the remaining processor or processors. (Col. 1, lines 60-62) No combination of Bates and Wen teaches or suggests determining whether the source code line can be break pointed, as claimed in claims 22 and 28. Accordingly, claims 22 and 28 are not rendered obvious by Bates and Wen, whether taken separately or in combination.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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